

Life Anglican Church – Stanhope

Pathway to Church Membership

The welcome pack provides details about our church:

- Life group details
- Ministry groups – how you can serve
- Ministry team contacts
- Fellowship groups and meeting times
- Book - The Essential Jesus,
- Other goodies

A printed name tag will be provided for the following weeks.

The Usher is one of the welcomers, i.e. likely, the one who escorted the newcomer to the welcome table. They will introduce them to the name tagger where their details will be collected. Whilst the details are being collected the usher should scan the room to identify a likely Pew Missionary.

A Pew missionary is a regular member of the congregation who is matched to the newcomer (i.e. similar age / family circumstances). They will simply need to be friendly to the newcomer, doing some or all of the following:

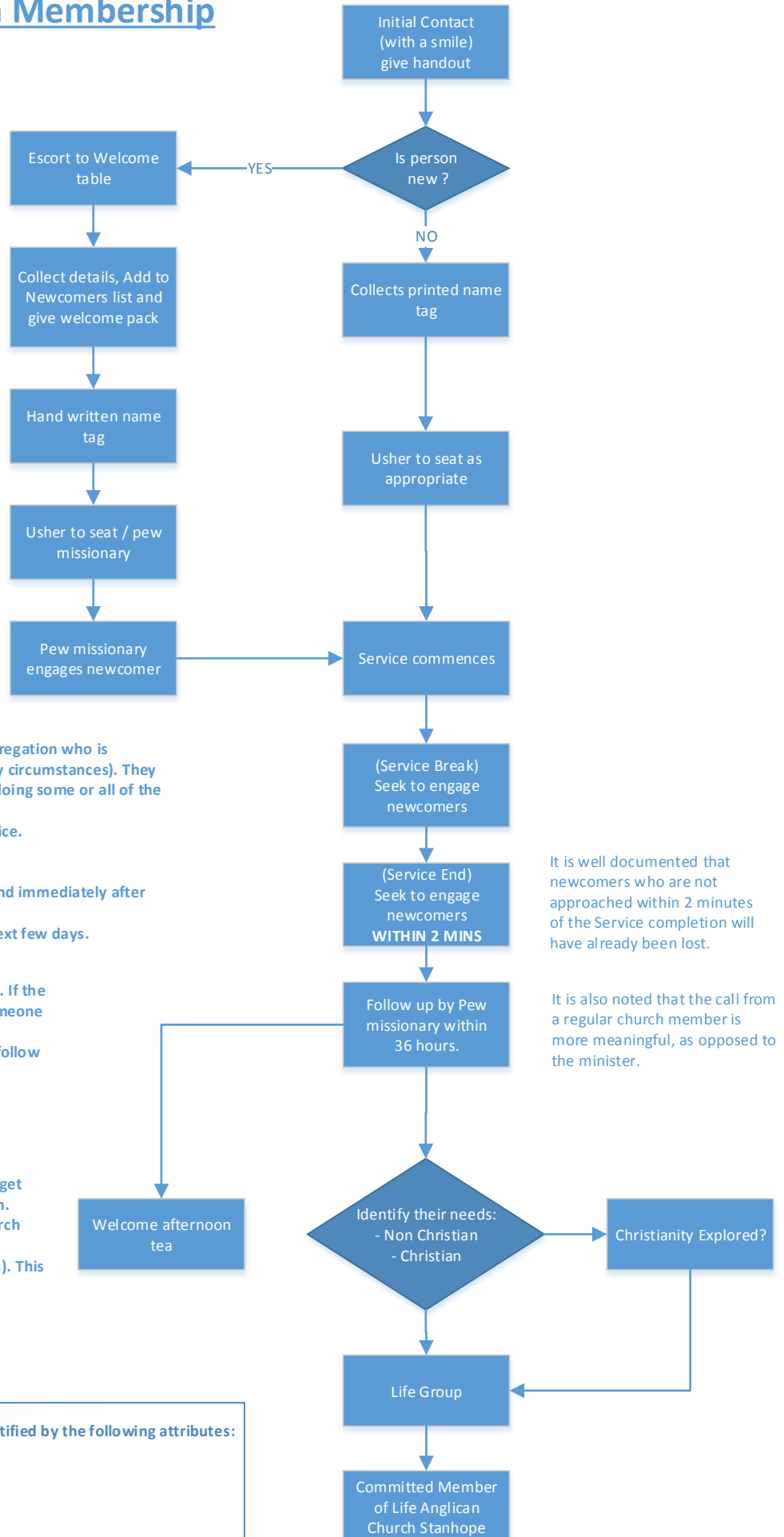
- Explaining some of the details of our church service.
- Introduce minister or at least point out.
- Introducing them to others around them.
- Ensuring they are interacted with during break and immediately after the service.
- They will also follow up with phone call within next few days.

Preferably the Pew missionary makes a phone call. If the Pew missionary is not then they must organise someone from the welcome team to do the follow up. The welcome team takes responsibility to ensure follow up has occurred.

Hospitality is important in helping a newcomer to get feel welcomed and valued within our congregation. Regular lunches or dinners, Tea & coffee after church are all ways members can interact and build relationships with each other (not just newcomers). This is encouraged by all members.

A committed member will be one that can be identified by the following attributes:

- Involved in serving within our congregation
- Committed to attending every week
- Member of a life group
- Financially supporting church
- Committed to making disciples of Jesus.



It is well documented that newcomers who are not approached within 2 minutes of the Service completion will have already been lost.

It is also noted that the call from a regular church member is more meaningful, as opposed to the minister.